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1 — After Two Years, Few Answers in E. Coli Discovery, Texas Tribune, 10/3/2015

<https://www.texastribune.org/2015/10/03/no-apparent-resolution-border-e-coli-outbreak/>

Two years ago, the discovery of dangerous E. coli bacteria in the drinking water of two working-class communities along the Rio Grande set off alarms among state regulators and investigators. Their attention sparked hope among residents that perhaps, finally, something might be done about longstanding problems with their water.

2 — Halliburton offers settlements to property owners in lawsuits, The Oklahoman, 10/4/2015

<http://newsok.com/halliburton-offers-settlements-to-property-owners-in-lawsuits/article/5451109>

Some four years after testing found pollution from spent rocket fuel in the groundwater, Halliburton is offering settlements to about 130 property owners after the chemical compound ammonium perchlorate showed up in their private wells.

3 – Earthquake monitors to be placed before end of year, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, 10/1/2015

<http://www.star-telegram.com/news/business/article37455681.html>

Scientists expect to have a network of seismographs up and running sometime next year to help determine what's shaking under the surface of North Texas.

4 — Challenges and Progress Cleaning Up One of Oklahoma's Most Polluted Places, NPR StateImpact, 10/1/15

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/oklahoma/2015/10/01/challenges-and-progress-cleaning-up-one-of-oklahomas-most-polluted-places/>

The Tri-State Mining District in northeastern Oklahoma's Ottawa County was once the world's largest source of lead and zinc. The mines had closed by the 1970s, but pernicious pollution still plagues what is now known as the Tar Creek superfund site.

5 — EPA will determine Coletto Creek's air pollution impact, Victoria (TX) Advocate, 10/3/2015

<http://www.victoriaadvocate.com/news/2015/oct/03/epa-will-determine-coletto-creeks-air-pollution-imp/>

The Environmental Protection Agency has identified Coletto Creek and 11 other coal-fired power plants in the state as high sulfur dioxide emitters.

6 — Area industry well within new federal ozone standards, Lafourche Parish Daily Comet, 10/2/2015

<http://www.dailycomet.com/article/20151002/ARTICLES/151009913>

Industry leaders in Terrebonne and Lafourche parishes say the area meets the new federal environmental standards set out by the Environmental Protection Agency and should avoid any repercussions, although Louisiana's congressional delegation and local officials are critical of the rules.

7 — Business Responds to EPA Announcement, Gilmer (TX) Mirror, 10/2/2015

http://www.gilmermirror.com/view/full_story/26890705/article-Business-Responds-to-EPA-Announcement?instance=lead_story_left_column

After much debate and anticipation, EPA yesterday released its decision on a new ambient air quality standard for ozone. In choosing a new standard of 70 parts per billion, the least restrictive of the options available under its proposal, the agency would appear to have made no one happy.

8 — Phosphorus levels reduced on river, Sequoyah Co. (OK) Times, 10/2/2015

http://www.sequoyahcountytimes.com/news/article_ac4b365a-6913-11e5-896f-abc1e6cfee5c.html

Save The Illinois River (STIR) is reporting the Oklahoma Arkansas River Compact Commission was told last Thursday (Sept. 24) at its meeting in Tahlequah the Illinois River and Barron Fork Creek are meeting the phosphorus reduction goal at four sampling stations.

9 – Udall, Other Senators Announce Movement On Chemical Safety Reform Bill, KRWG, 10/2/2015

<http://krwg.org/post/udall-other-senators-announce-movement-chemical-safety-reform-bill>

Today, as the full Senate prepares to begin debate on a historic bill to overhaul the broken Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976, U.S. Senators Tom Udall (D-N.M.), Edward Markey (D-Mass.), and Richard Durbin (D-Ill.) announced they have agreed on new improvements to the bill.

10 — Luján: Gold King Mine spill aftermath (opinion), Farmington (NM) Daily Times, 10/3/2015

<http://www.daily-times.com/story/opinion/columnists/2015/10/03/lujn-gold-king-mine-spill-aftermath/73247890/>

Like so many in our communities, I was deeply concerned to hear through news reports of the devastating spill of toxic wastewater into the Animas River from years of mining at the Gold King Mine.

11 — Editorial: Trinity Site downwinders should be recognized, Albuquerque Journal, 10/3/2015

<http://www.abqjournal.com/653338/opinion/trinity-site-downwinders-should-be-recognized.html>

On July 16, 1945, the first atomic bomb was detonated above ground in the desert about 50 miles west of Capitan at a place named Trinity Site. Nearby residents were unaware the early morning explosion would even take place, let alone that it would rain ash and debris upon them and spew waves of radiation as a result of a secret test of a weapon scientists in Los Alamos were preparing for use in the closing weeks of World War II.

12 — The power of words (opinion), Miami (OK) News-Record, 10/2/2015

http://www.miamiok.com/commentary/article_fd4199a6-77b5-54f9-8bc5-920767e8470a.html

The two-day 17th National Environmental Conference at Tar Creek was filled with numbers and alphabet letters provided by federal and state agencies who work for the public to protect our health and our environment. We are the public and they work for us in what is a daunting task of cleaning up the largest Superfund site in the nation.

13 — Reveal Radio: But Not a Drop to Drink, Texas Tribune, 10/3/2015

<https://www.texastribune.org/2015/10/03/reveal-radio-border-towns-fight-clean-water/>

In Rio Bravo and El Cenizo, two former colonias on the Texas border, residents have spent decades fighting for basic services, including safe, reliable drinking water. *(audio)*

14 — For Environmentalists, Mines Near Wilderness Are Too Close For Comfort, Texas Public Radio, 10/3/2015

<http://tpr.org/post/environmentalists-mines-near-wilderness-are-too-close-comfort#stream/0>

Amy and Dave Freeman are willing to risk brutal winters, thin ice and hordes of hungry mosquitoes to raise awareness about impending mining operations on the border of public lands in northern Minnesota.

15 — \$18B BP settlement agreement announced in July to be filed Monday, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 10/2/2015

http://www.nola.com/crime/index.ssf/2015/10/18b_bp_settlement_agreement_an.html#incart_most_shared-environment

The public is about to get a look at details of an \$18 billion settlement agreement announced in July to resolve years of legal fighting over damage done by the 2010 Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill.

